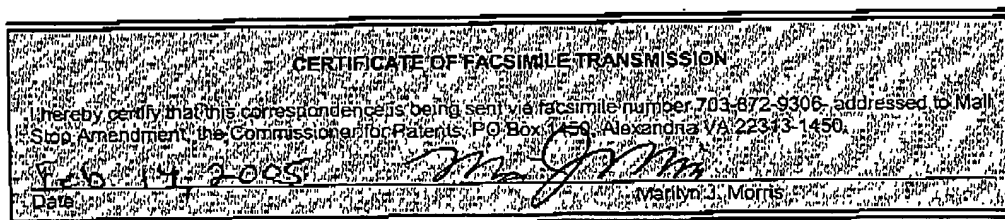


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and entry the amendments to the application. This Amendment is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time and the necessary fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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